

Navroz

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The Prime Minister of India conveyed his greetings on the occasion of **Navroz**, **the Parsi New Year**, celebrated with great enthusiasm, particularly in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

- This year, Navroz, will be celebrated on 16th August 2024. While globally observed in March, in India, the celebration occurs in July or August based on the Shahenshahi or Fasli calendar, which does not consider the leap year.
- Navroz meaning "new day", is deeply rooted in <u>Zoroastrianism</u>, one of the oldest monotheistic religions, founded by <u>Prophet Zoroaster in ancient Persia</u> (<u>modern-day Iran</u>).
 - The festival, named Jamshedi Navroz after the Persian King Jamshed.
 - Parsi New Year celebration dates back 3000 years and was brought to India by Zoroastrians who migrated to Gujarat in the 7th century.
- <u>UNESCO</u> inscribed Navroz on the <u>Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity</u> in 2016, following an initial inscription in 2009.





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